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The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing in support of the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) applications for funding under the ARRA Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants program. The State's efforts in implementing highway and transit projects under P.L. 111-5, "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" (ARRA) is reflective of the work Maryland is putting into ensuring the swift, transparent implementation of projects that will preserve and create jobs as well as promote economic recovery.

The following project was selected after an extensive project solicitation and review period that involved coordination between MDOT and potential partners to select State- and locally-prioritized projects with the highest probability of success. If the State of Maryland is given the opportunity to implement TIGER-funded projects, we are confident the State will continue to ensure that such funds are used to assist those most impacted by the recession as investments providing long-term economic benefits.

BRAC Transportation Improvements in Maryland – This funding would address congestion due to anticipated increases in traffic volumes and transit ridership as a result of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)-related growth at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Harford County, Fort George G. Meade in Anne Arundel County, and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Montgomery County, MD.

Thank you for your consideration of Maryland's projects and for your continued support of infrastructure needs in Maryland.

Cordially,

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